

REMARKS

Claims 1-43 are pending in the application. Claims 1-6, 8, 17-21, 29, 30, 32-39 and 41-43 are rejected. Claims 7, 9-16, 22-28, 31 and 40 are objected to.

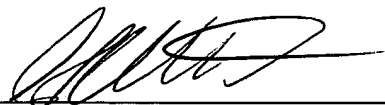
Claim 1 is amended to correct a clerical error and to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 24. Claim 1 is also amended to provide antecedent basis for "minor node" in claim 29.

Claim 17 is amended to correct a clerical error. The Examiner is directed to the last paragraph of page 10 in the specification where "configuration list" is described.

Claim 24 is canceled.

All rejections have been complied with, and applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. The applicant urges the Examiner to contact the applicant's attorney at the phone and address indicated below if assistance is required to move the present application to allowance. Please charge any shortages in fees in connection with this filing to Deposit Account 50-0749.

Respectfully Submitted,



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